"Further resolves

That the Government of India be also requested for special financial assistance for setting up of these councils."

In so far as Autonomous District Council for Twang and West Kameng is concerned, the State Government has sent the case justifying the need for the said Council. However the State Government is yet to furnish the justification for the proposed Autonomous District Council for Tirap and Changlang.

Inter-Ministerial consultations are underway to examine and consider the proposal appropriately.

Strengthening of special task force dealing with Naxalism

*375. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the review meeting of the coordination centre on Naxalism was held in April, 2006 to discuss strengthening of the special task force both in terms of manpower and response time and extreme violence in 13 States, high profile attacks, detaining of train in Jharkhand, blasting truck in Chhattisgarh and jail break in Orissa;

(b) whether the PM also called a meeting of 13 Naxal affected States on the 13th April, 2006; and

(c) if so, what were the main decisions taken to check the Naxal menace in those States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The 2nd meeting of the Standing Committee of the Chief Ministries of the naxal affected States and the Coordination Centre meeting held in New Delhi on13.4.2006 and 31.3.2006, respectively to comprehensively review the naxal situation in the affected states and consider appropriate strategies and measures to deal with the problem.

(c) The main decisions of the above meetings are enclosed as Statement.

Statement

Major decisions of the 2nd meeting of the Standing Committee of the Chief Ministers of Naxal affected States and 20th meeting of the Coordination Centre

(i) The States will prepare/revise and implement comprehensive but realistic action plans at the State and district levels with short-term and long-term approaches and strategies to combat the naxalite menace simultaneously on political, security and development fronts.

(ii) The States will strengthen and improve ground level policing and initiate action to fill up vacancies particularly in the police stations in the naxal affected areas on utmost priority and such police stations will be fortified in a time bound manner by utilizing funds under the Police Modernization (PM) Scheme.

(iii) The Sate Governments and RPF will take steps to put in place effective coodination on ground between RPF, GRP, local police and intelligence agencies to ensure protection and safety of railway passengers, trains and other railway infrastructure.

(iv) The States will consider and take steps to constitute Joint Task Forces of neighbouring States to enhance the effectiveness of intelligence driven inter-State joint operations against naxalites and their infrastructure.

(v) The States will give higher priority and focused attention on socio-economic development in the affected areas through convergence of existing developmental schemes and fund missing links, if any, in these schemes by utilizing funds under BDI etc.

(vi) The States will take immediate policy and operational measures for speedy and effective implementation of land reforms, putting in place a progressive and forward looking rehabilitaion and resettlement policy for displaced tribals, ensuring meaningful implementation of PESA withdrawing/compounding of minor forest offences and allowing debt waiver in the naxal affected areas.

(vii) The States will post young and committed officers in both civil and police administraton with a stable tenure in naxal affected

districts to effectively address security and development issues in these areas.

(viii) The Central Government will continue to provide all possible help to the States on both security and development fronts to enable them to successfully meet the challenge posed by naxalism.

Low labour productivity

*376. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the productivity of country's labourers is quite low in comparison to the labourers in the developed countries, like USA, UK, Japan and China;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) the labour productivity measured in terms of Gross Domestic Product (Purchasing Power Parity) per person per hour (in US $) during the year 2003 for different countries is as follows:-

India	:	3.05
China	:	4.39
Japan	:	29.88
UK	:	30.93
USA	:	40.72

Source: World Competitiveness Yearbook 2004.

(c) Variation in labour productivity is mostly due to varying access to technology and education and factors related to the level of economic development of countries concerned.

Exemption to wood based industry in Assam

*377. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR :
DR. VIJAY MALLYA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Assam Government had some time back requested his Ministry for extending benefits of various exemptions under